(c) if so, what is the amount thereof and by when it is expected to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) While the water quality of river Yamuna is within the prescribed limits in the State of Haryana, it has not shown the desired improvement in Delhi and some parts of U.P. because of phenomenal increase of population upstream of the river and large scale extraction of water from the river for drinking and other purposes. The National River Conservation Directorate under the Ministry of Environment & Forests has launched Yamuna Action Plan YAP-I and YAP-II at a total cost of Rs. 1339 crore for the abatement of pollution of river Yamuna. An expenditure of Rs. 686 crore is reported to have been incurred under both the phases of YAP till 30th November, 2006. YAP-I was declared completed in February, 2003 and YAP-II with an estimated cost of Rs. 624 crore, scheduled for completion in 2009, is under implementation in the States of Uttar Pradesh (U.P.). Haryana & Delhi and funds are released from time to time commensurate with the progress of sanctioned works in these States. In this Plan, preparation of the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for taking up further pollution abatement works under the third phase of YAP is also envisaged. In addition to the above, the Governments of NCT of Delhi, Haryana and U.P. have also taken up large scale sewerage, non-sewerage and sewage treatment works out of their own Plan funds.

Vangrams in Rajasthan

1240. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Vangrams in Rajasthan;

(b) the action being taken to convert them into Revenue village; and

(c) by when these Vangrams would be notified as Revenue villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) As per the information

received from the State Government, no Vangram has been notified in the State of Rajasthan.

(b) and (c) Not applicable in view of reply at (a).

Pollution in Ganga river

†1241. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of plans launched by Government from the year 1980 till date to clean the river Ganges;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) the number of plans out of them which were discontinued, on account of scarcity of funds and plans still under implementation;

(d) whether the major hurdle in cleaning Ganges is the dirty drains falling in it;

(e) if so, the details of the industrial and other dirty drains in the Ganges between Rishikesh and Prayagraj district-wise;

(f) the steps taken by Government till now, to stop falling of these dirty drains in the Ganges; and

(g) the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Ganga Action Plan (GAP) Phase - I the first attempt of the Government of India to undertake pollution abatement works in the river Ganga, was launched in the year 1985 with the objective of treating 882 million litres per day (mld) of sewage and improving its water quality to bathing class standards. This Phase was declared completed in March, 2000 with the creation of sewage treatment capacity of 865 mld. Since GAP Phase - I did not cover the pollution load of Ganga fully, GAP Phase-II which includes plans for its major tributaries namely, Yamuna, Gomti, Damodar and Mahananda, besides Ganga, was

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